

## Request for Council Action

Originator City Clerk	Item <b>Resolution Designating Polling Places for Precincts 13, 15, and 20</b>
Agenda Section CONSENT	Date 4/20/2015

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**Description**

The Bloomington School District is requesting the City to find three new polling places to replace Westwood, Olson, and Washburn Elementary Schools. These schools have served as voting locations for many years. However, due to security upgrades by the School District, we are unable to continue to utilize these buildings for voting.

New polling places have been found to replace the elementary schools, which are:

- Council District II - Precinct 13 – Jefferson Activity Center, 4001 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street (formally Olson Elementary)
- Council District I - Precinct 15 – Minnesota Valley Unitarian Church, 10715 Zenith Avenue South (formally Westwood Elementary)
- Council District III - Precinct 20 - St. Mark's United Church of Christ, 8630 Xerxes Avenue South (formally Washburn Elementary)

All polling locations were inspected to ensure that each facility is fully accessible and usable by elderly voters and voters with disabilities. The locations provide ample parking and large, well-lit meeting rooms. In addition, staff at each location expressed a genuine interest in being a polling place and serving the voters of the city.

State law requires that the City Council designate new polling places by May 13, 2015 (90 days prior to an election).

If approved, the following will be notified of this change:

- Hennepin County Auditor
- Secretary of State's Office
- All registered voters in Precincts 13, 15, and 20 (via a non-forwardable mailing)

CityWEB and election maps will be updated to reflect this change. An article will be included in the *Briefing* to communicate this as well.

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**Requested Action**

**Adopt the resolution designating new polling places for Precincts 13, 15, and 20 for election purposes.**

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**Attachments:**

Resolution designating polling places  
District & Precinct Map  
New polling location maps